

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Griffith House Inventory Number: BA-2060

Address: 16819 York Road City: Monkton Zip Code: 19973

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford, MD

Owner: Pamela A. Landon

Tax Parcel Number: 184 Tax Map Number: 22 Tax Account ID Number:

Project: Hereford Tower Project Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: Date:

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district:

Is district listed? ☒ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☒ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number:

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form; Rotenstein 2000

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This building is a 2½-story wood frame vernacular house constructed on a masonry wall foundation. The house measures three bays by three bays and there is a full-width bracketed shed roof porch and an awning stoop on the south side of the house. The side-gabled roof is clad by composition shingles and the house is clad by vinyl siding. There are two brick interior chimneys and the windows are wood double-hung sash (4/1 and 6/1 lights). There is a rear gable-roof ell addition.

~~The house was built between 1853 and 1867, according to the MIHP form completed for this property in 1980. Because of additions and alterations, this building retains little of its architectural integrity, however, the MHT believes that the property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because it continues to exemplify the linear layout of Hereford.~~

Despite alterations, the building retains sufficient integrity to exemplify late 19th century vernacular domestic architecture in the region. A representative example.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: 09/07/2000

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒

Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments:

[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

[Signature]
Reviewer, NR program

11/16/00
Date

10/21/01
Date

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2060

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Griffith House
other Blizzard House

2. Location

street and number 16819 York Road not for publication
city, town Monkton vicinity
county Baltimore

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Pamela A. Landon
street and number 114 High Street telephone
city, town Seaford state DE zip code 19973

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 22-184
city, town Towson liber 1381 folio 600

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☒ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	1 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

Inventory No. BA-2060

Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☒ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:

Specific dates ca. 1853-1950 Architect

Construction dates 1853-1867 Builder

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The house was built between 1853 and 1867, according to the MIHP form completed for this property in 1980. Because of additions and alterations, this building retains little of its architectural integrity. This property appears to be not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Name Griffith House

Continuation Sheet

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Historic Period Theme(s):

Resource Type:

Category:

Historic Environment

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. BA-2060

Baltimore County Council (1991); Brooks, N. A., and E. G. Rockel (1979); Clemens and Clemens (1983); McGrain (1980)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>7,797 sq. ft.</u>		
Acreage of historical setting	<u>7,797 sq. ft.</u>		
Quadrangle name	<u>Hereford, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale	<u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries for this property conform to the tax parcel boundary: Map 22, parcel 184.

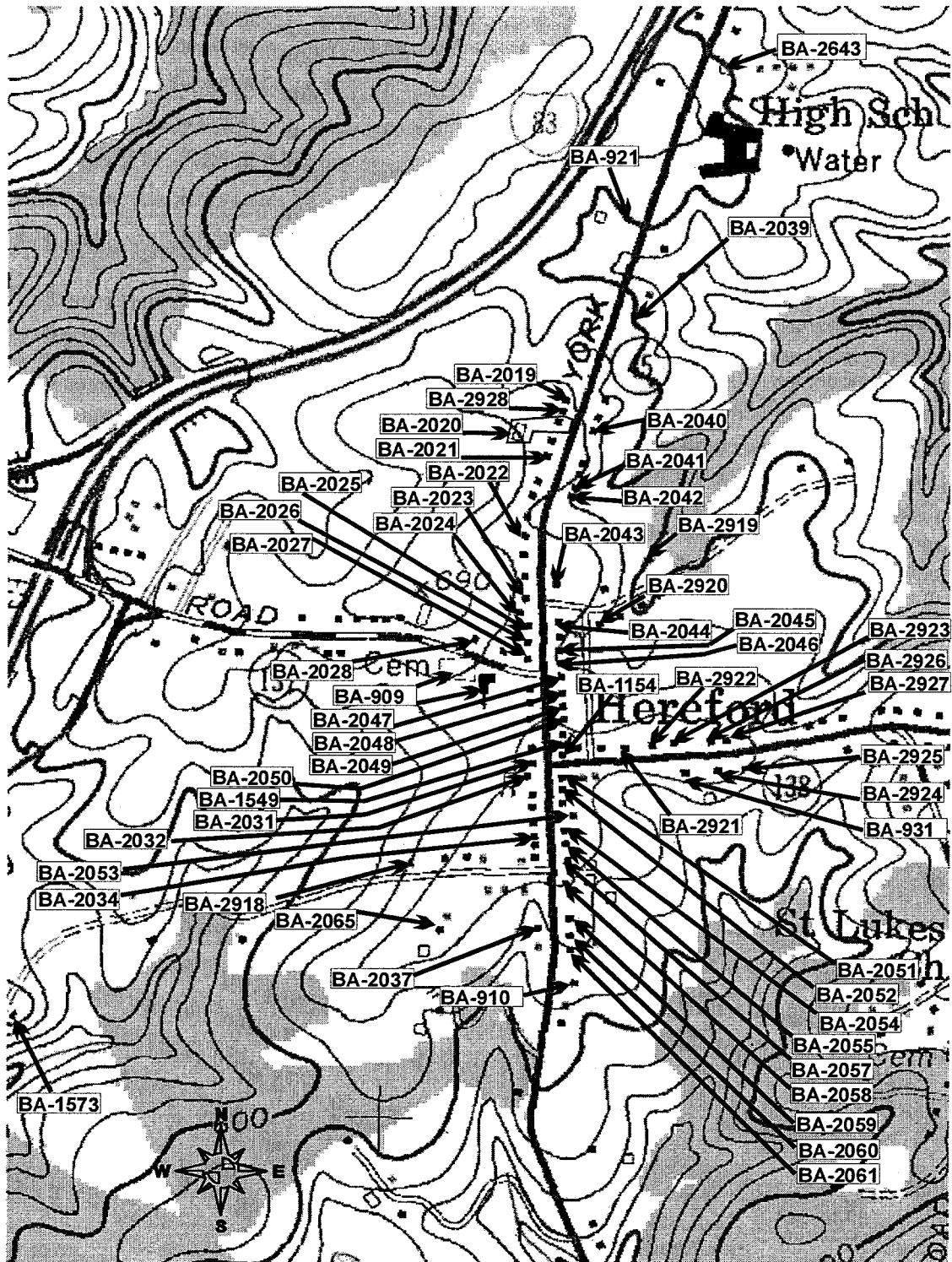
11. Form Prepared By

name/title	David S. Rotenstein, Ph.D./Historian		
organization	URS/Dames & Moore	date	09/07/2000
street and number	7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700	telephone	301-652-221
city or town	Bethesda	state MD	zipcode 20814-4870

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600





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Griffith House

Blizzard House

16819 York Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/23/2000

MD SHPO

View of the Griffith House, to the
northeast.

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BA 2060

GRIFFITH HOUSE-BLIZZARD HOUSE

1853-1867

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

The Griffith House is found on neither the 1850 map nor the 1852 assessment, but definitely existed in 1867 when John Griffith assigned a leased lot and its structure for \$700 to William Coney. Coney sold to Adeline Shane in 1868 for only \$360, and she appears with a house and lot in the 1876 tax ledger. This is a two-story frame house in Victorian or vernacular style with gable roof and full-width front porch, its supporting posts decorated with prominent scroll brackets and small pendants. There is a prominent architrave and cornice between posts and the porch roof. One of the bays opening on the porch contains a prefabricated, relatively recent, bay window. The main roof is gabled, covered with blue-green rubber shingling. Wall covering is white composition shingle.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Griffith House

AND/OR COMMON

Blizzard House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

16,819 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☒ ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Leroy A. and Diane F. Blizzard

Telephone #: 357-5619

STREET & NUMBER

16,819 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Monkton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21111

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: EHK JR. 5840

Folio #: 649

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

BA-2060

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Griffith House is a two story plus attic Victorian or Vernacular style house mainly noticable for its porch decorations. The house is composed of a gable roofed section with its roof line parallel to the road and a rear wing with a very low second story.

The main block has three bays opening on the porch, two bays at second-story level. The front door is in the middle bay; it is a solid contemporary door without window lights, protected by a glass and metal storm door. There is a rectangular transom over this door. This house probably has a center-hall plan.

In the bay to the north (or left) of the door is a contemporary, prefabricated bay window with three surfaces. The bay south of the door contains an older double-hung sash window, 4-over-4 in layout.

The porch is full-width, shed-roofed, supported by four round posts and two recessed posts. The posts are decorated with prominent scroll brackets with small pendants between. There is a prominent architrave above the posts and also a cornice. The porch deck is wood, about one step above grade. The railing is wood, composed of a minimum of square balusters widely spaced.

There are two windows at the second story level, set in the extreme bays—the north window, a contemporary 1-over-1 replacement, the south window a 6-over-1 mixture of sashes.

In the south end of the main block, there are original windows in the rear bay which serve to light the back rooms, a 3-over-1 window at the first story, a 4-over-4 at second story. There are also two square attic windows in the gable peak.

The main roof is gabled, with overhanging eaves and eave returns that blend with the aluminum rain gutters. There is an inside end-chimney with a corbelled cap at the south (right-hand) end of the main block. Roofing material is blue-green rubber or asphalt tile material.

The rear wing is gable roofed, two bays deep, a very low two stories high. At first story level there is: (1) a side door with a cantilevered entrance hood, and (2) a small square kitchen window of two lights. At second story level in what must be a room with a very low ceiling, there are two sash windows of 2-over-2 layout.

The north end of the main block is windowless, with a single bay in the north side of the rear wing.

Walls are covered with composition shingle in a strong yellow. The foundation is stone only about a foot of it exposed at the south side of the house.

The porch posts and scroll work have been painted black in contrast with the shingles.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

This house has been refurbished with fresh new materials, and while it is evolving away from its original authenticity it makes a smart appearance in the town.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1853-1867

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Griffith House is a Victorian style structure standing on a lot laid out for Nicholas R. Merryman by Enoch Dorsey, surveyor, in 1843. (1) Michael D. Merryman conveyed two lots under lease to John Griffith in 1848. (2) The lots in early Hereford were more than building lots, they consisted in this instance of 12 acres in all, and would have provided space for gardening and some pasturage. The 1850 map shows no Griffith House and the 1852 assessment shows no Griffith among the smaller town lots; thus it is difficult to determine when Griffith added a house to the leased property.

A certain date for the existence of a dwelling is 1867, when Griffith assigned the structures of the leased ground to William Coney for \$700. (3) Coney sold to Adaliade Shane in 1868 for \$360. (4) The 1876 tax ledger showed Adeline (sic) Shane with a House and Lot in Hereford worth \$350. (5) She also appears as owner in the 1877 atlas. John H.K. Shane assigned the lot to Augustine D. Clemens, Jr. in 1895 for \$500. (6) The 1896 tax ledger charged Clemens with a Frame Dwelling worth \$400. (7)

Clemens assigned in 1902 for \$300; the lot was 55 by 142 feet at that time. The next owners were Harry G. Esterline and Alline F. Esterline. (8) The 1918 tax ledger showed that the Esterlines adjoined M. Jacob Bull and John E. Foster. The house was shown as:

Dwelling 12x16
14x22 2 stories

\$491. (9)

James W. Blizzard bought the place in 1935, and conveyed to Donald R. Wirtz and wife in 1975. (10) Present owners, Leroy A. Blizzard and Diane F. Blizzard took possession in 1977. (11) This moderately decorated Victorian structure could well date from mid-Century, but the low value of the various assignments and tax statistics make it difficult to be sure that the house is the valuable improvement transmitted in 1867. A conservative estimate would place the structure between 1853 and 1867.

NOTES:

1. Plats JWS 1:169.
2. Baltimore City Deeds, AWB 400:296.
3. Baltimore County Deeds, JB 88:102
4. B.C. Deeds, EHA 60:430

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

5. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1876, f. 158.
6. B.C. Deeds, LMB 211:327.
7. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, entry #106-21.
8. B.C. Deeds, NBM 261:455.
9. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 503.
10. B.C. Deeds, EHJ JR. 5293:494 and 5539:561.
11. B.C. Deeds DHJ JR. 5840:649.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Deeds, Assignments, Mortgages, Tax Ledgers.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7,810 sq. ft.

Map 22 p 184

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bounds 55 feet front on York Road, with even depth of 142 feet east of road. (Map 22 p.184)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None COUNTY None

STATE None COUNTY None

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John McGrain

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

March 20, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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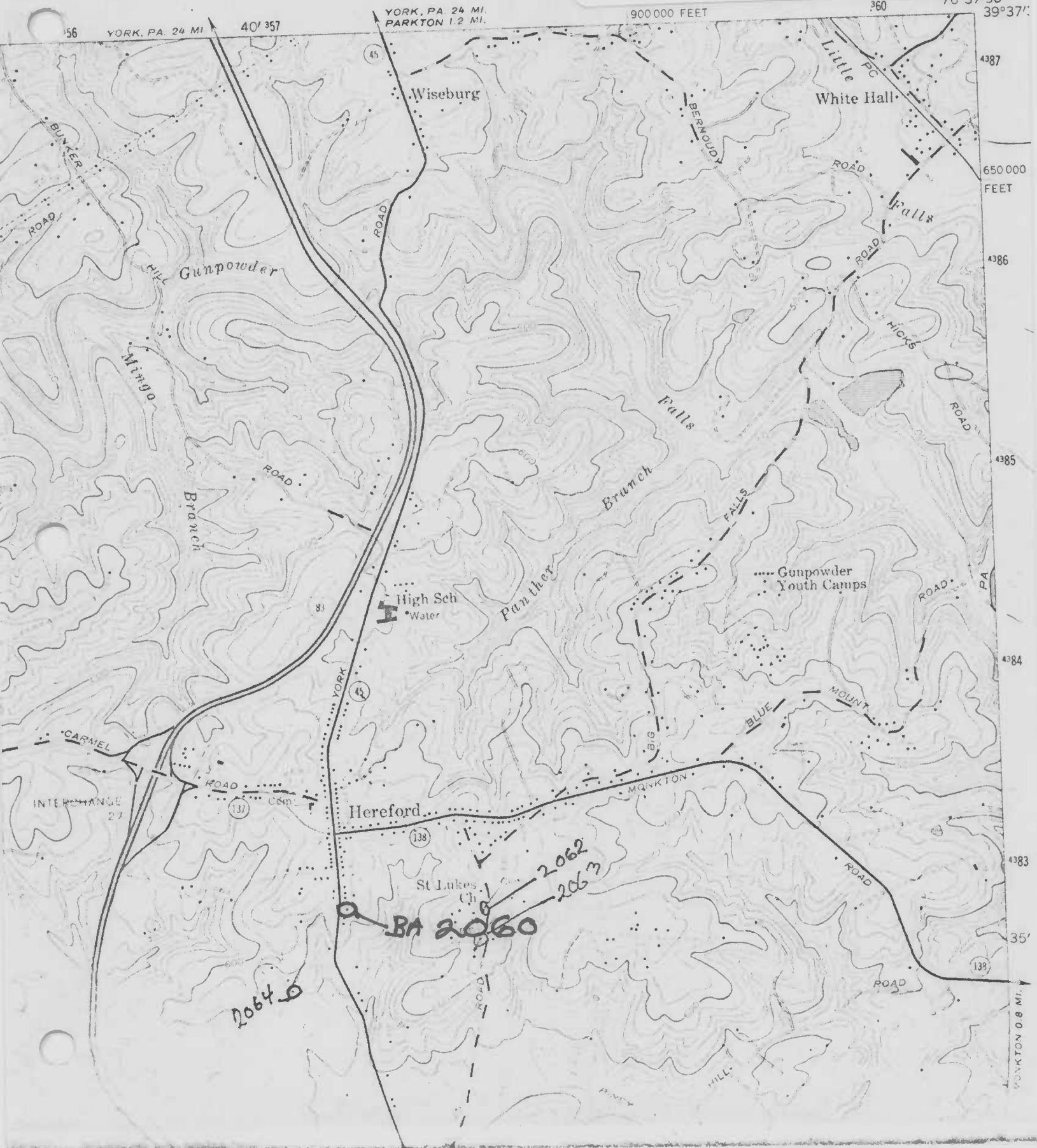
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MY

GRIFFITH HOUSE

BA 2060

U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad
HEREFORD





GRIFFITH HOUSE BA 2060
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Main (E) & south facades



BA 2060
GRIFFITH HOUSE
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Main (East) facade from SW